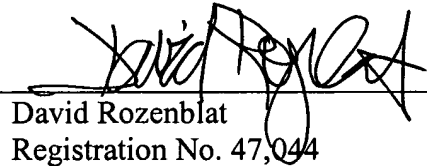


REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 7 and 17 were amended. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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